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Abstract Text - ABTX (1):

A high-voltage and low on-resistance semiconductor device incorporates a trench structure that provides improved switching characteristics. In a preferred embodiment, a Trench Lateral Power MISFET is provided having a gate, channel and drift regions that are built on the side-walls of the trench. The process used to form the MISFET involves a self-aligned trench bottom contact hole to contact a source provided at the bottom of the trench to achieve minimum pitch and very low on-resistance. An example of a MISFET with 80 V breakdown voltage having a cell pitch of 3.4 microns is disclosed in which an on-resistance of 0.7 m.OMEGA.-cm.² is realized. The switching characteristics of the MISFET are twice as good as that of prior MISFET device structures.

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TITLE - TI (1):

Low on-resistance trench lateral MISFET with better switching characteristics and method for manufacturing same

Brief Summary Text - BSTX (2):

The invention relates in general to lateral semiconductor devices including a trench structure, and a method of manufacturing such devices. More specifically, the invention relates to MISFETs with a high breakdown voltage and a low on-resistance, which can be incorporated in integrated

circuits,
power supplies, motors and other devices.

Brief Summary Text - BSTX (4):

An example of one type of conventional high voltage lateral MISFETs with low on-resistance characteristics is shown in FIG. 1. A high resistive n.sup.- extended drain 10 is formed in a p.sup.- substrate 8 between a p base region 12 and an n.sup.+ drain region 14 to reduce an electric field between a source region 16 and the drain region 14. A gate oxide layer 18 under a gate electrode 20 is thicker at the drain side in order to reduce electric field in the n.sup.- extended drain 10. Generally, lateral MISFETs consist of the following four regions shown in FIG. 1: (1) a source region with a distance of l.sub.1, (2) a channel region with a distance of l.sub.2, (3) an extended drain region with a distance of l.sub.3, and (4) a drain region with a distance of l.sub.4. The pitch of the device is the sum of l.sub.1 + l.sub.2, + l.sub.3 + l.sub.4 and determines the packing density of the device and its specific on-resistance. The smaller the pitch, the higher the packing density and the lower the on-resistance per unit area. Present state of the art MISFETs with a breakdown voltage of 80 V require l.sub.3 to be 3 .mu.m to reduce the electric field near the drain and prevent premature breakdown. The remaining parameters (l.sub.1, l.sub.2, and l.sub.4) do not influence the breakdown voltage significantly and are required to be 1.5 .mu.m, 2 .mu.m, and 1.5 .mu.m respectively for l.sub.1, l.sub.2 and l.sub.4 (for a 1 .mu.m design rule). Thus, the distance or length of the n.sup.- extended drain 10 is the largest among all of the regions and must be increased as the breakdown voltage of the MISFET increases. As a result, the packing density of the MISFET is sacrificed and on-resistance increases. MISFETs with the above-described structure have

already been described. See, for example, T. Efland, et al., "Self-Aligned RESURF To LOCOS Region LDMOS Characterization shows Excellent Rsp vs BV Performance" Proceedings ISPSD'96, pp. 147-150, 1996, the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.

Brief Summary Text - BSTX (6):

To overcome the packing density limitation discussed above, MISFETs using trench structures have been proposed by N. Fujishima, et al. in U.S. patent application Ser. No. 08/547,910. As illustrated in FIG. 3, a channel 24 and an n.sup.- extended drain 26 are located vertically at a side-wall of a trench formed in a substrate 28. Since the trench MISFET has the n.sup.- extended drain 26 between a source region 31 and a drain region 32, and a thick gate oxide 34 between a gate electrode 36 and the drain region 32, it is possible to optimize the structure to get almost the same current handling capability in the unit cell as the conventional MISFET without reducing the breakdown voltage. The pitch in this case is determined by the sum of l.sub.1, l.sub.6, and l.sub.5, which typically have values of 1.5 .mu.m, 2.0 .mu.m and 0.5 .mu.m respectively (for minimum 1 .mu.m design rules) resulting in half the pitch of the structure in FIG. 1. Therefore, packing density per unit area of the MISFET can be increased and a reduction in on-resistance per unit area achieved.

Brief Summary Text - BSTX (7):

However, for the device of FIG. 3, two additional masks are needed to define the silicon trench and the drain contact holes. The resulting process also requires strict alignment tolerance among these three masks. In addition, two deep directional etching steps are needed to define the gate and make the drain contact hole inside the initial silicon trench.

the bottom of a trench 204 and an extended drain 206 is located at the upper portion of the trench sidewall. One of the advantages of this structure is that Cgd (Miller capacitance) would be reduced to less than half of that of the first embodiment because the plugged polysilicon 208 at the bottom of the trench 204 contacts the source 202 instead of the drain 206. Thus Cgd is generated only between the gate 210 and n.sup.- drain 206.

Detailed Description Text - DETX (12):

The process to manufacture the second embodiment will utilize a self-aligned method to form the gate electrodes and the trench bottom contact holes to the source to achieve minimum pitch and very low on-resistance. The source contact holes will be filled with polysilicon to access the bottom source from the surface and to level the surface for metal formation.

Detailed Description Text - DETX (14):

As shown in FIG. 27, the MISFET is formed along the sidewalls of the trenches. The drain contact 212 is located at the surface. The channel, n.sup.- drain 206, gate oxide 214, thick oxide 216, and gate electrode 210 are formed along the sidewalls. The n.sup.+ source 202 at the bottom of the trench 204 is connected and brought to the surface through a polysilicon plug 208. When a positive bias, higher than the threshold voltage, is applied to the gate 210, an inversion layer is created and an electron current flows from the source electrode 218 through the polysilicon plug 208 to the n.sup.+ source 202 at the bottom of the trench 204, and is collected by the drain 220 at the surface. In order to decrease the electric field under the gate 210, a thick oxide 216 is used at the top of the sidewall. The (100) sidewall plane, which has been shown to have the lowest interface-trap density and the highest surface electron mobility, is used in the implementation of the

device by orienting the main sidewall plane 45.degree. away from the <110> axis of the (100) orientation wafer. In addition, the current in the n.sup.- drain 206 flows mainly in the bulk instead of at the surface, thus avoiding mobility degradation due to damage associated with trench formation.

Detailed Description Text - DETX (15):

Brief explanation of device dimensions are described in FIG. 28. The depth of the second trench l.sub.14 is about 2 .mu.m. Total depth of the trench l.sub.15 is about 5 .mu.m. The length of the source contact l.sub.11 the distance between the source and drain l.sub.12, and the length of the drain l.sub.13 are 0.5, 2.0, and 1.5 .mu.m, respectively under 1 .mu.m design rule. Usage of 0.6 .mu.m minimum feature size reduces l.sub.11 and l.sub.13 to 0.3 and 0.9 .mu.m, respectively.

Detailed Description Text - DETX (16):

The process used in the fabrication of the second embodiment is illustrated in FIGS. 29 to 36. First, n.sup.- diffusion is performed using the first mask. The obtained junction depth and surface concentration of the diffusion are about 1 .mu.m and 1e17-cm.sup.-3, respectively. Then a shallow trench whose depth is 3 .mu.m is etched in a p-type silicon substrate using the second mask. Thereafter the p body and n.sup.- drain are formed by using tilted ion-implantation (FIG. 29). After the p body and n.sup.- drain are driven, wet oxidation is performed to grow a thick oxide at the bottom of the trench as well as at the surface. The junction depth of the n.sup.- drain is about 1 .mu.m. The surface concentration of the n.sup.- drain is about 1e17-cm.sup.-3. The thickness of the grown oxide is about 0.5 .mu.m (FIG. 30). Next, the oxide and the second silicon trench is etched using RIE. The additional etching depth l.sub.14 is 2 .mu.m. Since RIE etching is anisotropic, most of the oxide

remains on the sidewall (FIG. 31). After the 0.1 .mu.m gate oxide is formed, polysilicon with a thickness of 0.5 .mu.m is deposited (FIG. 32). A further oxide layer is deposited on the surface. The oxide layer at the top is selectively etched using the third mask to define the actual gate area. The polysilicon is etched by RIE using the top oxide layer as a mask. Then the p base and n.sup.+ region are formed using 4th and 5th masks. The junction depths of the p base and n.sup.+ region are 1.0 and 0.2 .mu.m, respectively. The surface concentration of the n.sup.+ is $1e20\text{-cm}.\text{sup.-3}$ (FIGS. 33 (a) and (b)).

Detailed Description Text - DETX (17):

A critical part of the process is the creation of contact holes at the bottom of the trench. A 1.0 .mu.m oxide layer is deposited by CVD in the trench as illustrated in FIG. 34 (a) and (b). Because the reactants do not migrate rapidly along the surface at the temperature of about 400.degree. C. used for CVD, the oxide inside the trench is thinner than that at the surface ($t_{\text{sub.2}} < t_{\text{sub.1}}$) [5]. RIE is then used to remove the oxide by 0.5 .mu.m directionally. This creates a contact hole at the bottom of the trench as shown in FIG. 35(a). Since RIE has strong directional etching properties, the oxide film at the bottom of the trench is completely removed and the silicon is exposed. On the other hand, the oxide at the sidewalls and at the top surface is retained and is thick enough to provide good electrical isolation between the gate and the source.

Detailed Description Text - DETX (19):

FIG. 38 lists a comparison of switching figure of merit between the first embodiment and second embodiment trench lateral MISFETs. Since the Cgd for the second embodiment MISFET is half of the first embodiment MISFET, the figure of

merit for the second embodiment MISFET is twice as good as the conventional one.

Detailed Description Text - DETX (20):

Trade off between specific on-resistance and breakdown voltage is shown in

FIG. 37. On-resistance of the proposed trench lateral MISFET will be reduced by about 50% (using a 0.6 .mu.m minimum feature size), bringing it close to the silicon limit (0.7 m.OMEGA.-cm.sup.2 for an 80 V device).

Detailed Description Text - DETX (21):

The invention has been described with reference to certain preferred embodiments thereof. It will be understood, however, that modifications and variations are possible within the scope of the appended claims. The method of forming the thick oxide inside the trench and creating contact holes at the trench bottom is useful not only for MISFETs, but can be employed to manufacture other devices including diodes, bipolar transistors, IGBTs and MESFETs and DRAM cells which require a contact at the bottom of a trench.

Claims Text - CLTX (1):

1. A method of manufacturing a MISFET comprising the steps of: a) forming a trench in a substrate of first conductive type; b) forming a first region of the first conductivity type and a second region of the second conductivity type into the substrate through portions of the trench; c) depositing an oxide layer on portions of sidewalls of the trench, wherein said oxide layer extends from the top of the trench; d) then forming an extended trench while retaining said oxide layer on the portions of the sidewalls of said trench; e) forming a gate oxide layer on the sidewalls of said extended trench; f) forming a gate layer on the gate oxide layer;

Claims Text - CLTX (2):

selectively etching the gate layer, and the gate oxide layer so that the

surface of the substrate is exposed in regions adjacent to the trench and residual films of the gate layer and the gate oxide layer are left on the sidewalls of the trench; g) forming a base of the first conductivity type and a source of the second conductivity type at the bottom of the trench; h) forming a second oxide layer inside the trench and on the surface of the substrate over a drain by a method where oxide growth rate is slower inside the trench than at the surface of the substrate, wherein the thickness of the second oxide layer within the trench is less than the thickness of the second oxide layer on the surface of the substrate; i) etching the oxide layer at the bottom of the trench to form a contact hole that extends to the substrate while maintaining a thickness of the second oxide layer on the sidewalls of the trench and surface of the substrate using a directional etching method; and j) forming an electrical interconnection material in the trench that extends through the contact hole.

Claims Text - CLTX (3):

2. A method of manufacturing an MISFET comprising: a) selectively forming a second conductivity type diffusion layer in a surface region of a first conductivity type silicon substrate; b) forming a first trench in the silicon substrate; c) forming a first conductivity body and a second conductivity drain region in the silicon substrate by implantation through side walls of the first trench; d) forming a thick oxide layer in the first trench and on the surface of the silicon substrate; e) then etching through the thick oxide layer and into the silicon substrate to form a second trench; d) forming a gate oxide layer in the second trench; e) depositing a polysilicon layer over the gate oxide layer and the thick oxide layer; f) forming a top oxide layer and selectively etching the top oxide layer to define a gate area;

g) etching the polysilicon layer using the top oxide layer as a mask; h) forming a first conductivity type base region in the silicon substrate under the bottom of the second trench; i) depositing an oxide layer in the second trench, wherein the oxide inside the second trench is thinner than that at the surface of the silicon substrate; j) forming a contact hole at the bottom of the second trench; k) filling the contact hole with polysilicon; and l) opening contact windows in the polysilicon and filling the contact holes with metal.

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